

**Sherman Oaks  
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Lindsay Imber President 2-CI  
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Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger, Secretary 5-R

**Board Members**

Thelma Mericle, 1-T  
Levon Baronian, 1-B  
Arutyun Kapukchyan, 3-B  
Avo Babian, 3-CI  
Joe Cappelletti, 4-B  
Lisa Cappelletti, 4-CI  
Lisa Petrus, 4-R  
Norayr Tertsaguian, 5-B  
Christy Adair, 5-CI  
Tom Materna, 6-B  
Harold Shapiro, 6-CI  
Neal Roden, 7-B  
Jeffrey Kalban, 7-CI  
Susan Collins, 7-R  
Caden Kang, Y

**Regular Board Meeting (Virtual):**

**Minutes**

Monday, January 9, 6:30pm

*The Neighborhood Council system enables meaningful civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, comprised of stakeholder volunteers who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities.*

**1. Welcome, Call to Order, and Roll Call**

**a. Call to Order:** Lindsay Imber, President, called the meeting to order at **6:32pm**

**b. Roll Call:** Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger, Secretary, called the roll

**i. Present:** Baronian, Kapukchyan, Babian, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Petrus, Tertsaguian, Adair, Shapiro, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Kang, Imber, Katchen, Hartough, Segarra-Bohlinger **(17)**

**ii. Absent:** Mericle [tardy], Materna **(2)**

**c. Tribute to former SONC Board Member Sidonia Lax:** *presented by 1st VP Howard Katchen*

**2. Comments by Public Officials**

Meredith McGowan, Martin-Pollard Sherman Oaks Library

New Years greeting, NC funding program one-year report in final phase, youth got to experience seven “unique STEM programs” 144 community members took part, successful program

Ryan Ahari, Field Deputy, Council District 4 (Raman)

“inside safe” program for most severe unhoused resident areas  
 upcoming Metro presentations and virtual open house  
 thanks to food drive participants, 100s of pounds of food collected  
 Mulholland between Laurel Cyn. and Coldwater Cyn. closed due to storm

**3. Guest Speaker: NC EVG-h Workshop, Josh Nadel**

*update regarding pilot program for hybrid virtual/in person meetings  
 Q&A followed*

**4. Guest Speaker: LA Clerk, Election Administrator Shawna Dungo**

*update regarding upcoming election cycle, hybrid voting  
 Q&A followed*

**5. Guest Speaker: Assemblymember Laura Friedman, Assembly District 44 - brief presentation with Q&A**

**6. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items - brief discussion followed**

**7. President’s Report**

- Resignation of 2nd VP & Vacancy of 2-R and 2-B seats.  
 May and Manuel no longer serving on SONC
- Creation of SONC Airport Committee.  
 Bob Bramen & Lisa Petrus were appointed co-chairs.  
 Next step: President & Chair will appoint committee members.
- 2023 Homeless Count- January 24, 2023 @ 14115 Magnolia Blvd.
- Chairs: You must coordinate with Lindsay and/or Jeffrey prior to changing your meeting date.
- SONC Rules of Debate and Decorum Issues.

**8. Motion to Adopt Rules of Debate for SONC Board Meetings**

Motion: *SONC adopts the following ground rules for Board meetings:  
 The following debate format shall apply to all items under Board consideration*

Stage	Time Limit
The Mover, if a motion from Floor, (or Committee Chair, if a motion from Committee) presents (moves) an item.	<b>5 Minutes</b> , Unless Otherwise Indicated on the Agenda
Public Comment is Heard <i>All public commenters wishing to speak may speak once.</i>	<b>1 Minute</b> per Speaker [default] May be adjusted by President
Board Discussion: Opening Round <i>All Board Members wishing to speak may do so.</i>	<b>3 Minutes</b> per Board Member (who wishes to speak)

<p>Board Discussion: Closing Round -  <i>This occurs after all wanting to speak have spoken once.</i></p>	<p><b>1 Minute</b> per Board Member          (who wishes to speak)</p>
<p>Voting: The <b>ONLY</b> acceptable responses during Roll Call will be Yes/Yea/Aye, No/Nay, Abstain/Present, Recuse.  <i>No debate or explanations shall be allowed during voting, only the vote itself. Members may be cautioned if they attempt to debate during the voting process.</i></p>	<p><b>If Roll Call:</b> Members shall respond after called upon solely with their vote.          (e.g., “Yes” or “Smith: Yes”)</p>

*The Presiding Officer shall have the authority to adjust time limits if time becomes a factor.  
 No member shall be permitted to speak more than twice on any one issue.*

**Regardless of Board action in adopting the aforementioned time limits and rules, the attached Robert’s Rules of Order provisions will be applied at all SONC Board meetings**

NOTE: This motion is presented by a committee and does not require a second  
**Moved:** Executive Cmte.      **Seconded:** n/a  
**Yes:** Mericle, Baronian, Kapukchyan, Babian, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Petrus, Tertsaguian, Adair, Shapiro, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Kang, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger  
**(18) / No: (0) /Abstain: (0) / Absent: Materna (1) Ineligible: (0)**  
**Item 8 carries 18-0-0-1-0**

**9. Administrative and Executive Initiated Motions**

**a. Consent Calendar**

**For CF 22-1070.** Neighborhood Council Meetings / EmpowerLA Virtual Governance (EVG) System  
 Motion: *The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports CF 22-1070 to assess if individual Neighborhood Councils may be granted the flexibility to select a preferred meeting option going forward (virtual meetings, in-person meetings, or a hybrid meeting option). SONC recommends City Council and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment authorize Neighborhood Councils to continue virtual meetings, whether through exclusively virtual meetings or a hybrid in-person & virtual meeting option.*

**For Authorizing SONC to participate in EmpowerLA’s Pilot Hybrid Meetings program.**  
 Motion: *The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) approves SONC’s selection in the EVG-h Pilot Program pertaining to hybrid in-person and virtual (online) meetings.*

**Moved:** Imber                      **Seconded:** Kalban  
**Yes:** Mericle, Baronian, Kapukchyan, Babian, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Tertsaguian, Adair, Shapiro, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Kang, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger **(17) / No: (0) /Abstain: (0) / Absent: Materna, Petrus (2) Ineligible: (0)**

**b. SONC Board Meeting Minutes, December 2022.**

*A motion to approve, by unanimous consent, the minutes of December 2022.*

**Moved:**Katchen      **Seconded:** Hartsough  
**approved without objection by unanimous consent**

## 10. Committee Reports

### a. Education Committee - Joe Cappelletti, Chair.

Meets on the 3rd Monday of the Month: January 23

### b. Government Affairs Committee - Lindsay Imber, Chair.

Meets on the 4th Tuesday of the Month: TBD

#### i.For CF 18-0720-S1.

*Motion: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports CF 18-0720-S1 seeking a report from LAPD relative to hate crime prevalence in Los Angeles, and from the Civil and Human Rights and Equity Department regarding its "LA for All" campaign, including a report on the scope, impact, best practices, and opportunities for the expansion of hate crime prevention and awareness in the City.*

NOTE: This motion is presented by a committee and does not require a second

**Moved:** Gov't Affairs      **Seconded:** n/a

**Yes:** Mericle, Kapukchyan, Babian, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Tertsaguian, Adair, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Kang, Imber, Katchen, Hartough, Segarra-Bohlinger (15) / **No:** (0) / **Abstain:** (0) / **Absent:** Baronian, Materna, Petrus, Shapiro (4) **Ineligible:** (0)

**Item 10b.i carries 15-0-4-0-0**

#### ii.For CF 22-1486

*Motion: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports CF 22-1486 to call upon FIFA, the IOC and other international sports and major event organizers to codify human rights within their bylaws, require and promote the fair treatment of workers, women, LGBTQ+ community members and all marginalized people as a condition for participating nations and cities wherever international sporting events are held.*

NOTE: This motion is presented by a committee and does not require a second

**Moved:** Gov't Affairs      **Seconded:** n/a

**Yes:** Babian, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Tertsaguian, Adair, Roden, Kalban, Kang, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger (12) / **No:** (0) / **Abstain:** Mericle, Kapukchyan, Collins (3) / **Absent:** Baronian, Materna, Petrus, Shapiro (4) **Ineligible:** (0)

**Item 10b.ii carries 12-0-3-4-0**

**c. Green & Sustainability Committee - Avo Babian, Chair.**

Meets on the 1st Wednesday of the Month: February 1st  
green program for business

**d. Human Services Committee - Sarah Manuel and Pamela Harris, Co-Chairs.**

Meets on the 1st Monday of the Month: Feb 6

**e. Outreach Committee - Harold Shapiro, Chair.**

Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the Month: January 17

**f. Planning & Land Use (PLUM) & Vision Committees - Jeff Kalban, Chair.**

PLUM Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the Month: January 19

Vision Meets on the 1st Thursday of the Month: Feb 2

**g. Public Safety Committee - Susan Collins, Chair.**

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month: January 10.

Christy Adair stepped down as chair, Susan Collins to step in

**h. Traffic & Transportation Committee - Avo Babian, Chair.**

Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the Month: December 14.

*i. Motion to present to CD 4 office, the list below of the top projects on the LADOT project list that SONC would like to be prioritized and would most benefit Sherman Oaks.*

**Sherman Oaks Active Transportation Priority Project List**

**Top 3 in each category as recommended by the Traffic and Transportation Committee:**

The following projects are listed in their order of priority with feasibility also a factor in determining that priority.

They are classified between corridor improvements and intersection/crossing improvements.

**Corridor Improvements**

**1. Chandler Boulevard – Improvement from Painted Bike Lane to Protected Active Transportation Lanes**

**a.** Currently Chandler Boulevard in Sherman Oaks lacks consistent walking facilities and sees substantial bicycle ridership. As such, the City should explore improving the existing Class II painted bike lanes with parking protected or physically protected Class IV active transportation lanes from Van Nuys Boulevard to Ethel Avenue and the western terminus of the Chandler Bicycle Connection project.

**b.** Seek to include segment in FY23-24 Resurfacing Schedule and implement on that timeline

**2. Fulton Avenue Bike Lane**

**a.** Connect Orange (G) Line Busway Greenway to Ventura Boulevard by maintaining auto-oriented travel lane consistency and implementing Class II painted bike lanes along with cat-tracks and conflict markings.

**b.** Seek to include segments in need of resurfacing in FY23-24 Resurfacing Schedule and implement on that timeline

**3. Woodman Avenue Southbound Gap Closure**

**a.** Close southbound Woodman Avenue Class II bike lane gap from Burbank Boulevard to Magnolia Boulevard (currently southbound, Woodman Ave features Class III bike sharrows). Implement Class II painted bike lanes for this segment along with cat-tracks and conflict markings.

**Intersection/Crossings Improvements**

**1. Restore Lemona/Magnolia Crosswalk**

- a. Restore Lemona/Magnolia Crosswalk through most immediate means available
  - b. Enhance crossing to RRFB or PHB control
- 2. Implement Approved Tyrone Avenue/Magnolia Boulevard Signal**
- a. Explore TOUCAN design or dual crosswalk HAWK/PHB
- 3. Hazeltine Avenue/Addison Street Midblock Crossing**
- a. Design and implement mid-block crossing at Hazeltine Avenue and Addison Street where there is a sidewalk connector to the dead end of Addison Street

NOTE: This motion is presented by a committee and does not require a second

**Moved:** Traffic&Transportation      **Seconded:** n/a

**Yes:** Kapukchyan, Babian, Tertsaguian, Adair, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Kang, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger **(12)** / **No:** **(0)** / **Abstain:** Mericle, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Adair, Roden, Kalban, Collins **(7)** / **Absent:** Baronian, Petrus, Materna, Shapiro **(4)** **Ineligible:** **(0)**

**Item 10h.i carries 12-0-0-7-0**

**i. Budget Advocates** - Howard Katchen, SONC Rep & Budget Advocate.

**11. Additional Motions Presented By Individuals From the Floor** (*expedited ahead of item 10*)

**a. LA City Biodiversity Index File - CF 22-1469. LA City Biodiversity Index**

*Motion: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) is in support of CF-22-1469 LA City Biodiversity Index / California Native Landscaping / Pollinator-Friendly / Monarch Butterfly / Plant and Tree Recovery. There has been a tremendous loss of native habitat, open space and desert/drought tolerant vegetation in the San Fernando Valley as a result of overdevelopment and urban sprawl. When plantings and new landscapes are implemented in developed areas, they typically consist of non-native plants that require greater amounts of a scarce resource in this region - water. Several years of continued drought have created a severe high fire danger and risk to property and lives. Native plants do not require as much water, and will grow naturally, resulting in a natural landscape that will also protect the environment and the inhabitants*

**Moved by:** Shapiro

**Seconded by:** Segarra-Bohlinger

**yes:** Baronian, Kapukchyan, Babian, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Tertsaguian, Adair, Shapiro, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Kang, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger **(16)** / **No:** Mericle **(1)** / **Absent:** Materna, Petrus **(2)** **abstain:** **(0)** **ineligible:** **(0)**

**Item 11a 16-1-2-0-0**

**12. Finance Committee-** Jeffrey Hartsough, Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair

Meets on the 4th Wednesday of the Month: January 25th

**a. Treasurer's Report**

**b. Monthly Expenditure Report (MER), November 2022.**

*A motion to approve Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's (SONC) Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for the period of November 2022.*

**Moved:** Hartsough    **Seconded:** Katchen

**yes:** Mericle, Kapukchyan, Babian, J. Cappelletti, L. Cappelletti, Tertsaguian, Adair, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Imber, Katchen, Hartsough, Segarra-Bohlinger **(14)** / **No:** **(0)** / **Absent:** Baronian, Petrus, Materna, Shapiro **(4)** **abstain:** **(0)** **ineligible:** Kang **(1)**

**Item 12b carries 14-0-4-0-1**

**13. Adjournment-** Motion to Adjourn in memory of **Sidonia Lax** approved by unanimous consent at **9:35pm**

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stacy". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Respectfully submitted".